



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: Akira HOMMI *et al.* Confirmation No. 2560  
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Examiner : Cynthia Francisca COLLADO  
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For: VEHICLE CONTROL DEVICE, CAR HAVING ...

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2007 in the above-identified application, the Applicants respectfully elect with traverse, Species 1 (FIGS. 1-7). The claims within the elected invention that read on FIGS. 1-7 are claims 1-9. Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement and respectfully request withdrawal thereof as Species I and II both concern control of power demand, apart from a configuration of a vehicle. FIG. 8 illustrates one example of a configuration of a hybrid vehicle, and this structure shares the same subject matter of the embodiment described in detail with respect to FIGS. 1-7. Thus, FIG. 8 is drawn to the same species as FIGS. 1-7 and we respectfully request the election requirement be withdrawn. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4420 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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